

HOUSE BILL 398

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By: **Baltimore County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Method of Selecting the Baltimore County Board of**
3 **Education**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Method of Selecting the
5 Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the
6 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain
7 compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for certain expenses;
8 requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations regarding the
9 method of selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education; requiring the
10 Task Force to hold a certain number of public meetings in certain locations that
11 allow certain persons to testify about certain issues; requiring the Task Force to
12 make a certain report to certain persons on or before a certain date; providing
13 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the
14 Method of Selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force on the Method of Selecting the Baltimore County
18 Board of Education.

19 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 12 members:

20 (1) the Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation, or the
21 Chair's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Chair
2 of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation;

3 (3) the Chair of the Baltimore County House Delegation, or the
4 Chair's designee;

5 (4) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Chair
6 of the Baltimore County House Delegation;

7 (5) three members, appointed by the Baltimore County Executive; and

8 (6) one member, appointed by the Chair of the Baltimore County
9 Council.

10 (c) The Chair of the Baltimore County Senate Delegation and the Chair of
11 the Baltimore County House Delegation shall jointly designate the co-chairs of the
12 Task Force from among the Senator and Delegate members of the Task Force.

13 (d) The Office of the Baltimore County Executive shall provide staff for the
14 Task Force.

15 (e) A member of the Task Force:

16 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

17 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
18 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

19 (f) The Task Force shall make recommendations on the following issues:

20 (1) the ideal size of the Baltimore County Board of Education;

21 (2) the most appropriate method of selecting members of the
22 Baltimore County Board of Education, including consideration of the following
23 methods:

24 (i) all elected;

25 (ii) gubernatorial appointments;

26 (iii) Baltimore County executive appointments;

27 (iv) partially elected and appointed;

28 (v) county nominating commission; and

1 (vi) appointments with additional approval; and

2 (3) the appropriate phase-in period for changes to the existing
3 selection process.

4 (g) (1) The Task Force shall hold at least ~~one public meeting that allows~~
5 three public meetings in geographically diverse areas of Baltimore County that allow
6 members of the general public and stakeholder organizations to testify on issues being
7 studied by the Task Force.

8 (2) The Task Force shall extend an invitation to representatives from
9 the following stakeholder organizations to testify at a public meeting:

10 (i) the Teachers Association of Baltimore County;

11 (ii) the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees of
12 Baltimore County;

13 (iii) the Education Support Professionals of Baltimore County;

14 (iv) the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce;

15 (v) the Parent Teacher Association Council of Baltimore
16 County;

17 (vi) the Baltimore County Student Councils;

18 (vii) the Baltimore County chapter of the NAACP;

19 (viii) the Baltimore County League of Women Voters;

20 (ix) the Baltimore County Board of Education; and

21 (x) the Baltimore County Superintendent of Schools.

22 (h) On or before October 1, 2011, the Task Force shall report its findings and
23 recommendations to the Governor, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Baltimore
24 County Executive, the Baltimore County Council, the Baltimore County
25 Superintendent of Schools, the Baltimore County Board of Education, and, in
26 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Baltimore County
27 Senate and House Delegations.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of
30 December 31, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
31 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.